



## Meeting Notice

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### **Keeping of animals rule on Board of Health's June agenda**

*State Board of Health will host statewide animal waste panel*

OLYMPIA – The Washington State Board of Health will discuss issues surrounding the keeping of animals rule and large-scale farming operations at the group's June meeting.

The board brought together a panel to examine legal authority relating to large-scale agribusiness. The panel was created in response to public concern about the enforcement of nuisances, such as poor water and air quality. State, local, and federal agencies will be represented. Tribal, industry, and community members will also be on the panel.

Also on the agenda are discussions on aligning the newborn screening rule with recent legislation, along with a proposed initiative for responding to statewide outbreaks of vaccine-preventable disease.

The meeting will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4:05 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11 at the Hotel Murano at 1320 Broadway Plaza in Tacoma. The public is welcome to attend and will be given an opportunity to provide testimony on any public health issue.

Copies of the agenda and related materials are available by contacting the board at 360-236-4100 or on the [Board of Health website](#) (sboh.wa.gov). The emergency and media contact number for the board during the meeting is 360-701-2398.

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